

intermarriage : during the ages in which trade brought nations into merely surface connection. it was the ebb and flow of conquest and migration that most effectually transported new ideas and usages from land to land. Northern India was no doubt desolated by the Arvan invaders. as subsequently by the Tartars and Moghals : but from both it gathered some novelties of culture. The Turkish conquest of Constantinople shattered the last fragments of Greek civilization : but refugees from the catastrophe brought ideas into Western Europe. which took root in eager but uncultured minds and blossomed in the Renaissance.

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Material civilization was late in spreading to Northern Europe. but. once planted there. flourished with a changeful vigour which speedily gave it a character of its own. Amongst the Baltic races the provident impulse of acquisitive-ness is very strongly developed; but until modern times it was chiefly exercised in robbing others. and their history exhibits a covetous turbulence that contrasts very strongly with the placidity with which the Mediterranean races accepted the domination of Rome. and with the acquiescence of the peoples of India in British rule. The prospects of gain that were opened by civilization diverted their energies into more productive channels. Finding that riches and comforts could be acquired by industry

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commerce they have thrown themselves  
into these  
pursuits with an aggressive activity  
which has  
effected more change in material  
conditions than  
had come about in many thousands of  
years pre-  
ceding. They have cared little for the  
philosophi-  
cal speculations which occupied the  
minds of the  
Greeks, and still influence the opinions  
of Indians